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SUBJ: NEW NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA

1. NEW NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA, 47-YEAR-OLD CAREER DIPLOMAT C.C. UCHUNO, IS A FRIENDLY, EFFECTIVE OFFICER WHO DID HIS BEST TO BE HELPFUL TO EMBASSY DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF MEA.

2. A NATIVE OF THE OLD EAST CENTRAL STATE (IBOLAND) UCHUNO JOINED THE FLEDGLING NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1959. HE SERVED IN EUROPE AND THE U.S. UCHUNO SET UP INSPECTION CORPS IN MEA AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF MEA ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT UNTIL PLACED IN CHARGE OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT IN MID-1975.

3. UCHUNO HAS READY SMILE AND SEEMS TO ENJOY LIFE. QUIET AND BUSINESSLIKE AT FIRST ACQUAINTANCE, HE LOOSENS UP AFTER HE GETS TO KNOW A PERSON. THROUGHOUT DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE OF LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, INCLUDING ANGOLA IMBROGLIO AND XENOPHOBIA FOLLOWING MUHAMMED ASSASSINATION, UCHUNO'S ATTITUDE WAS SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING. HE SHOULD BE A COLLEAGUE WORTH CULTIVATING.

FYI UNCHUNO WAS NOT RPT NOT HAPPY TO BE ASSIGNED TO CONAKRY; HE LOOKED FORWARD TO NEITHER THE PHYSICAL PRIVATIONS NOR THE TOTALITARIAN POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. END FYI.
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